North; but after a little uſe, it was eaſie to them: thus did they Sail a thouſand Leagues. As for the Compaſs wherein the lightning had made the needle to point Weſtward, ſince it was brought to New England, the Glaſs being broken, it has by means of the Airs comming to it, wholly loſt its virtue. One of thoſe Compaſſes which had quite changed the Polarity from North to South, is ſtill extant in the Country, in the hands of Mr. Increaſe Mather.

The North Point of the Needle doth remain fixed to this day, as it did imediatly after the lightning cauſed an Alteration.

A Letter of Sir R. S. *concerning the former Relation. Lond. March 8th.* 168..

HAving already given you the Narrative of the Thunder Storm, I add to it this further account, that Mr. Edward Randolph (who has been four times imployed to New England in his Majeſties Service; and coming from thence in May laſt 1683) told Mr. Flamſtead in Auguſt how much that accident was there diſcourſed of. And being by him enjoyned to make further enquiry into the matter at his return to Boſton, he did in December at his Arrival there, ſpeak with Mr. Lad himſelf, who was in the Storm, and affirmed the ſame thing, and dictated to him an account ſuitable to what you have. But that which you have was in the hands of Mr. Mather a Miniſter, to whom Mr. Lad had

alſo preſented one of the Compaſſes, as he had done the other to an Engliſh Merchant in Amſterdam, who gave it to the State-houſe. Mr. Randolph ſays he preſſed earneſtly the ſaid Miniſter to ſend that Compaſs, which yet he would not underſtand. But Mr. Thomas Graves a Phyſitian of that place, and of good note got from him the account you have, and thinks Mather is writing ſome book, wherein this ſtory of the Thunder, or this effect of it on the Compaſs, is to bear a part. Which being all &c.

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